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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR GREEN SEA TURTLE EGGS, PARTS
OR PRODUCTS EXPORT INFORMATION

REF: STATE 192364

1. THE EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM
A HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL OF STINASU (THE FOUNDATION FOR NATURE
SURNAME), A SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL GENCY FOR THE PROMOTION OF
RESEARCH IN THE NATURAL SCIENCES ASSOCIATED WITH THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND FISHERIES:

2. STINASU HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A JOINT PROJECT WITH THE
GRAND CAYAMAN TURTLE FARM, LTD. OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS. IN
MARCH OF 1978 30,000 GREEN SEA TURTLE EGGS (CHELONIA MYDAS)
WERE SENT BY STINASU TO THE ABOVE CONCERN. 18,000 WERE
PURCHASED OUTRIGHT BY THE GRAND CAYMAN TURTLE FARM, LTD.
12,000 WERE SENT AS PART OF A JOINT RESEARCH PROJECT.

3. ACCORDING TO THE STINASU OFFICIAL, THESE TURTLE EGGS ARE
PART OF THE 500,000 GREEN SEA TURTLE EGGS (CHELONIA MYDAS)

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HARVESTED BY STINASU ON RESEARCH SITES OR FARMS EACH
YEAR. THE ONLY EGGS PERMITTED TO BE HARVESTED ARE EGGS
IN NESTS WHICH WOULD BE DESTROYED BY THE SPRING TIDES.
OVER 1,000,000 CHELONIA MYDAS EGGS A YEAR ARE PRODUCED
IN SURINAME; MOST ARE HATCHED ON STINASU FARMS AND RELEASED
AS YEARLINGS BACK INTO THE SEA. STINASU HAS BEEN CONDUCT-
ING THIS TYPE OF CONSERVATION EFFORT SINCE 1963 WITH SOME

SUCCESS; INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE NUMBER OF CHELONIA MYDAE ARE INCREASING IN NUMBERS. ACCORDINGLY THE CHELONIA MYDAS IS THE ONLY SEA TURTLE NOT CONSIDERED AN ENDANGERED SPECIES BY THE GOF.

4. COPIES OF BILLS OF SALE OR PERMITS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY AT THIS TIME. STINASU OFFICIALS ARE RELUCTANT TO RELEASE SUCH DOCUMENTS DUE TO THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE STATUS OF THE CHELONIA MYDAS PROJECT WITHIN CERTAIN SCIENTIFIC CIRCLES. HOWEVER, STINASU OFFICIALS WOULD WELCOME A VISIT BY APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS TO STUDY THE GOS CONSERVATION EFFORTS.
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